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TAGS: CVIS, SREF

SUBJECT: LEBANESE REFUGEES

REF: NICOSIA 2147, DAMASCUS 5046

1. THE DEPT CANNOT VOUCH FOR THE ACCURACY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S COMMENTS AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS ABROAD BUT THE FOLLOWING IS A RESUME OF THE PERTINENT OCCURRENCES RELEVANT TO YOUR INQUIRY FOR GUIDANCE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO LETTER FROM SENATORS KENNEDY AND ABOUREZK, DEPT REPLIED IN LETTER OF JULY 27 THAT QUOTE INS HAS ASSURED DEPT THAT LEBANESE OUTSIDE OF LEBANON WHO FEEL THEY QUALIFY FOR SEVENTH PREFERENCE CONSIDERATION MAY APPLY AT THOSE OFFICES IN EUROPE WHERE THE SERVICE PROCESSES CONDITIONAL ENTRY CASES. THESE OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN ATHENS, ROME, FRANKFURT AND VIENNA END QUOTE. LETTER WENT ON TO EXPLAIN LIMITATION OF AVAILABILITY OF SEVENTH PREFERENCE NUMBERS AND THAT INS PROCESSES ALL CONDITIONAL ENTRY CASES.

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4. THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY PLANS FOR A REFUGEE PROGRAM FOR LEBANESE AT THIS TIME AND PRESENT GUIDANCE ON ISSUANCE OF IV AND NIV VISAS TO LEBANESE OUTSIDE OF LEBANON REMAINS CURRENT. (STATE 182765 AND STATE 174715) THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS THAT

ALL POSTS WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS ALL SUCH APPLICATIONS
SYMPATHETICALLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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